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Suspense grips world as US votes





Size of voter turnout to decide victor

THE FIRST presidential election since the United States plunged into its special war on terrorism ...

George Walker Bush

John Forbes Kerry

RACE TIGHT IN FINAL HOUR



Another Pinoy kidnapped in Baghdad

UN blocks RP move to send own team to Afghanistan



Bishop backs 'jueteng' legalization

Slaughter of sea cow in Palawan appalls environmentalists

Miriam goes ballistic in hearing on UP bill

Pinay in Israel blast now safe

A FILIPINO caregiver who was reported injured in a suicide bomb attack on a market in Tel Aviv, Israel, last Monday is now in stable condition following surgery, the labor department said yesterday.

Leonila Villarza (or Villaria, according to other reports), 50, of [illegible], Quezon, suffered "blast trauma," or internal injuries from the shock waves created by the blast, according to a report from Julito de la Torre, the Philippine labor attache in Israel.

However, the foreign affairs department—quoting Antonio Modena, the Philippine ambassador to Israel—said Villarza was hurt from the stampede following the explosion and not from the bomb itself.

"I would like to stress that she was not injured in the bombing. She was injured in a stampede that broke out after the explosion. She would have tripped or had been stepped on," Modena later explained in an interview with dzBB radio.

He said Villarza suffered multiple contusions and underwent surgery for internal bleeding. He said she was now in serious condition and her injuries were not life-threatening. She was not fit to be discharged.

Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas said authorities at the Ichilov Medical Center in Tel Aviv have informed Villarza's family and Philippine Embassy officials that Villarza was in stable condition although she has to be placed under isolation for 72 hours.

Two Filipino doctors in Israel, [illegible] Lad and Mary Claire Pestano, are monitoring Villarza's condition.

Villarza's two sisters and a brother-in-law, who are all working in Israel, were in the hospital for her operation.

Sto. Tomas said she had instructed De la Torre to ensure that all benefits from the Israeli government would be paid to Villarza.

According to Israeli law, the Bituach Leumi, or National Insurance Institute, is obliged to extend full benefits to victims of suicide bombings, including all hospitalization expenses, the secretary explained.

The 16-year-old suicide bomber blew himself up in the middle of the busy Carmel Market on Monday morning. The explosion killed him and three other people and wounded dozens of others.

Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo condemned the bombing, saying "terrorist acts such as suicide bombings take lives without touching soldiers and certainly frustrate the Middle East road map to peace."

Modena said Villarza, a mother of four, could have been eating at the market during the explosion. He said that Filipinos hang out at the public market during free days and holidays.

"The food is cheap there," he said.

The Filipino community in Tel Aviv was still mourning, though no other Filipinos were injured in the bombing, according to Modena.

"That (the next hospital) was to ready in place when I got there," he said.

Asked if he would recommend against traveling to Israel, Modena said: "Maybe not. Suicide bombings have stopped ever since a security fence was built in Israel in August 2003." *Jerome Aning and TJ Burgonio*

Army chief bewails US travel warning

By Julie S. Alipala and Jeffrey M. Tupas
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Incoming Army chief Lt. Gen. Generoso Senga yesterday branded the latest travel advisory issued by the US Department of State on the Philippines as "very unfair."

In the advisory, the state department urged US citizens to defer nonessential travel to central, southern and western Mindanao, including the islands of Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi, citing reports that terrorists would be targeting airports, shipping vessels and seaports in those areas.

"The problem with that warning is that it tends to generalize the whole area. It's unfair to the people of Mindanao. Majority of the areas in Mindanao are peaceful. Only a few places are really considered dangerous for foreigners," said Senga, currently the chief of the Southern Command.

Senga told the Inquirer that central Mindanao was peaceful because of the peace efforts being exerted by the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

He admitted, however, that there were "a handful of Abu Sayyaf" members in some parts of Mindanao but they were on the run.

The military in South Cotabato confirmed that continuous operations were being conducted against at least two factions of the Abu Sayyaf on the border of the province with Sultan Kudarat.

Lt. Col. Fidel [illegible], commander of the 27th Army Brigade based in South Cotabato, said the two factions numbered at least 30 bandits and were headed by Khaddafy Janjalani and Isnilon Hapilon.

Threat still high

Earlier military reports had said that Janjalani, who fled to Sultan Kudarat in June, and Hapilon, had forged an alliance with a local gang known as the [illegible].

The US state department on Monday advised Americans in the Philippines to exercise caution and maintain heightened security awareness amid concerns over possible terrorist attacks.

In an updated "public announcement," the department said "the terrorist threat to Americans in the Philippines remains high."

It said the US Embassy in Manila continued to receive reports of ongoing activities by known terrorist groups.

The United States had branded the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf kidnap-for-ransom group and the Communist Party of the Philippines as terrorist groups following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

"In view of a number of security-related incidents and the possibility of future terrorist attacks and other violence or criminal activity, Americans traveling to or residing in the Philippines are urged to exercise caution and maintain heightened security awareness," the state department's advisory said.

Rehash

But the Philippines' Anti-Terrorism Task Force (ATTF) branded the travel advisory as a "rehash of old terrorist activities in the country."

The ATTF said the latest warning was "lighter" than previous advisories and did not reflect "actual scenarios on the ground."

"The issuance of the latest travel warning has become a perfunctory function of the US state department and should not be viewed as proof of worsening security conditions in the country," said the ATTF statement which was read by its spokesperson, lawyer Ricardo Blancaflor.

Blancaflor said the advisory did not mention the arrest of [illegible] and two others, who were allegedly plotting to bomb the US Embassy in Manila.

[illegible] and the others were arrested in Manila last month by a combined military and police team. They were said to be responsible for the bombings in Davao City last year. *With reports from Alcuin Papa, AFP*

Ortiguerra lifts Welcoat past Magnolia in 2 OTs

MARVIN Ortiguerra drained an off-balanced jumper with 4.5 seconds left as Welcoat Paints repulsed defending champion Magnolia-FEU, 80-79, in double overtime to claim its first win yesterday in the PBL Open Championship at the Pasig Sports Center.





WINNING COMBINATION

Pacquiao, Hopkins in HBO calendar

Barbers to appeal SC ruling on poll protest

Palace denies rooting for Kerry in US polls

New batch moves into Smokey housing

Alert level up around Taal

Matteo clinches Karter of Year title

Paeng No. 1 among greatest

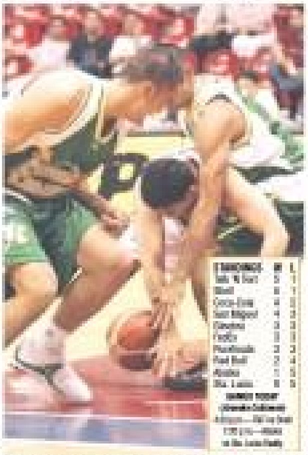


SPORTSWATCH

NBA double-headers 'live' on Solar Sports

Ateneo fencers prevail in Escrima Liga

Alcantara siblings rule Milo tennis



Shell, TNT clash for lead today

RP riders stay in 5th; Wong tops stage



WONG Familiar face

Selling a prospective mismatch

BARE EYE



Recah Trinidad

RACING TIPS

Former Fort Bonifacio hospital chief may lose license

Pinay teacher given 10 lashes in Saudi as students watch

'I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN'

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3 of 4 missing Nida witnesses to surface

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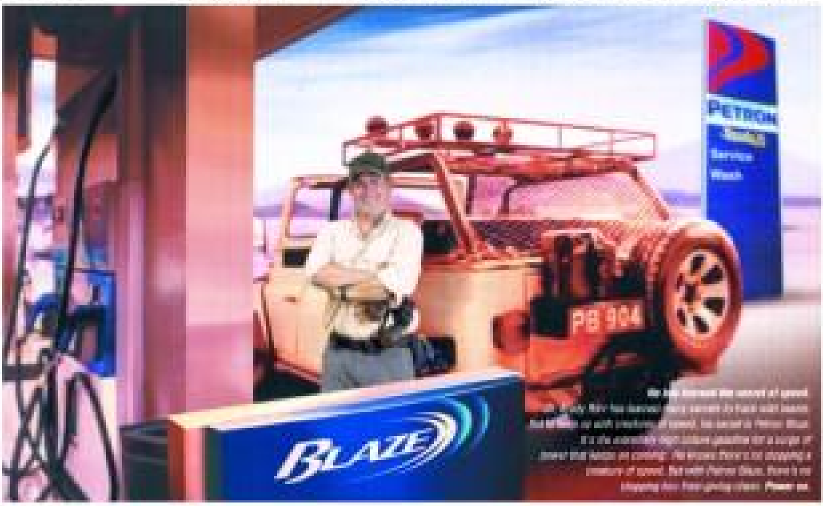
THE MANY FACES OF THE TEACHER

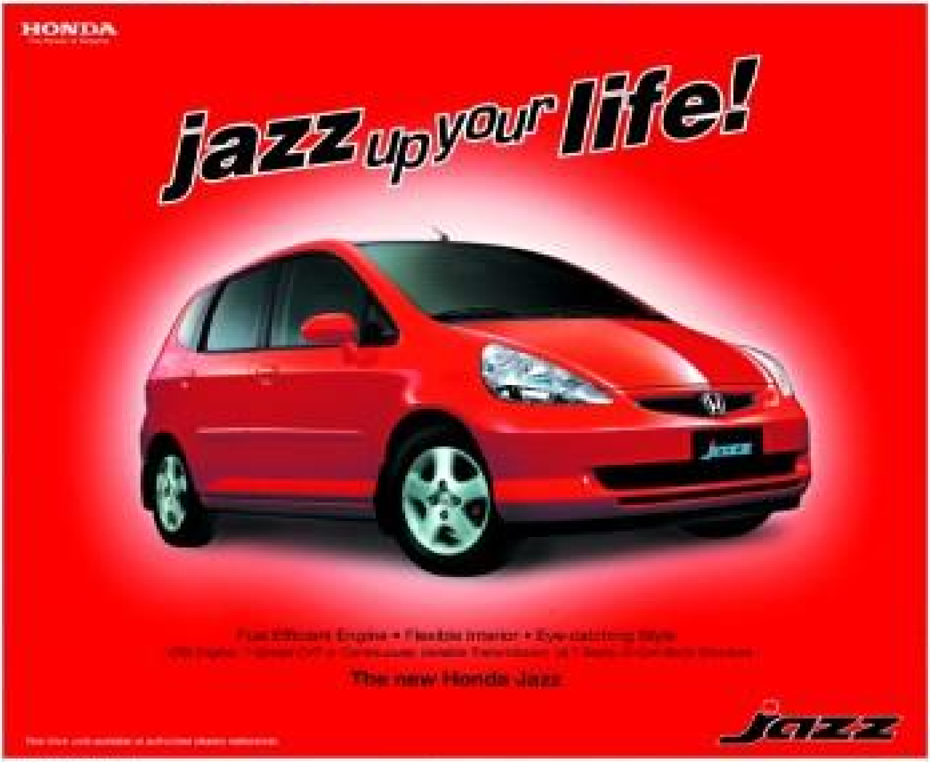
Choosing to be an Excellent Teacher



Women win a round in Guy family feud

Reyes puts bounty on 8 most wanted





The WORLD

Bin Laden vows war of 'attrition' vs US

UN hostages held separately to thwart rescue









American, 5 Asians kidnapped in Baghdad

Israel steps up security after suicide attack

US set to activate missile defense system



THAI FESTIVAL

Researchers treat infection without using antibiotics

British industrialist Lord Hanson dies of cancer



HANSON

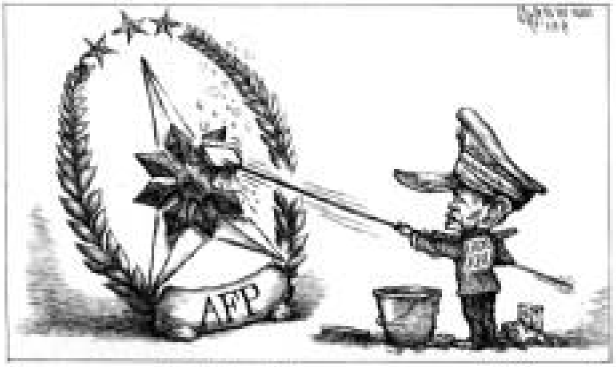
Indon's parliament deadlocked; constitutional crisis looms



Police sent to quell Chinese-Muslim rioting in China

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OPINION



Helpless

DESPITE snafus, such as accidentally broadcasting the goings-on of the crisis committee, the government has taken surprisingly little flak over its handling of the kidnapping of Angelito Nayan. In contrast to Angelo de la Cruz's kidnapping in Iraq, public opinion has been quiet over Nayan's abduction by a self-proclaimed Taliban splinter group in Afghanistan.

What accounts for this?

EDITORIAL

De la Cruz was a truck driver trying to make a living in Iraq. His earning a living was directly affected by the government's making the political decision to support the invasion of Iraq by the "coalition of the willing" cobbled together by President George W. Bush. It was an invasion that proved unpopular with the public here at home. Because of the Philippine government's support for the United States, Filipino civilians became targets for Iraqis opposed to American involvement in their country. De la Cruz was a victim of political circumstance.

In contrast, Nayan was in Afghanistan because of his work with the United Nations. His presence there was, in a sense, the result of a conscious decision on his part. Or put another way, in choosing to work for the UN, he could be said to have consciously put himself in harm's way by participating in the conduct of the first Afghan elections, a UN program.

We could speculate at this point whether it would be reasonable to compare Nayan's kidnapping to what might have happened had a Filipino policeman or soldier been kidnapped in Iraq. Perhaps. Certainly the purpose for Nayan's presence in Afghanistan—his work with the UN—is the sort of undertaking Filipinos instinctively appreciate, and for which we tend to think it understandable to be willing to sacrifice. It is also significant that Nayan is working for the UN, an institution for which Filipinos have a high regard and great faith (it was precisely the lack of UN participation and support that made the invasion of Iraq unpopular).

More so is the fact that Nayan's kidnapping is being portrayed as a consequence of the invasion of Afghanistan and not Iraq. The elimination of the Taliban government in Afghanistan and the American-led invasion of that country was, if not actually popular with Filipinos, then at least far less controversial. There was much more of a casus belli (cause for war) in the refusal of the Taliban to hand over Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda in the aftermath of September 11, and even in Europe, Afghanistan was more often viewed as an acceptable target than any other country.

Nayan's kidnappers are demanding the pullout of foreign troops and the release of detained prisoners in Guantanamo Bay. The presence of foreign troops there, as we've pointed out, hasn't struck a popular chord here. Neither has the controversy over American detention of prisoners there struck a chord at home.

This is why Filipinos are not as emotional about Nayan's kidnapping. He is far less a victim of circumstance compared to De la Cruz. He can be said to have put himself in danger. His being in danger is not in the least less tragic because of this. But we, as a people, seem to have more concern for those accidentally put in danger than for those who face it as a consequence of their choices. Last but not least, there is the fact, too, that Nayan is the primary responsibility of the UN and Secretary General Kofi Annan.

President Macapagal-Arroyo can make appeals, but her appeals must be made to the UN. The UN, in turn, can try to do what it can, but it can only appeal to reason. Nothing Ms Arroyo can do will address directly the demands of Nayan's kidnappers. We have no troops to pull out from Afghanistan. We have no say about how prisoners are handled in Guantanamo. We are, as a country and government, as helpless as Nayan is. This is in marked contrast to the situation in Iraq, where De la Cruz's life directly depended on the choices Ms Arroyo made during that time.

The country is concerned with the fate of Nayan. But there is really little it can do more than hope and pray for his release. Neither as a people nor as a government can we affect his fate.

Lot owners victimized by squatters and QC gov't

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

WHAT'S happening in Quezon City? Under Mayor Feliciano Belmonte, it has become the richest city in the Philippines, with billions of pesos in excess funds deposited in banks. But QC also has the biggest number of squatters, so that it is called "the squatter capital of the Philippines." That means it also has the most number of lot owners victimized by squatters. [illegible]

[illegible]

This will be discussed in the next column.

World-class

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

WHEN I was in high school, I imagined that to write for all times and climes, one had to write about timeless and universal things. [illegible]

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Continuity or change in RP-US relations

ANALYSIS

Amando Doronila



Hobbit cousins

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan



Tessie Tomas' advocacy

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David



Fit for the morgue

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo



One root, one nation under one flag

Gov't must act on medical crisis now

Outlaw 'no permit, no exam policy'

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Volunteer docs revive life-saving home calls

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
Dagupan City

ONE BUSY morning in September, Dr. Jesus Cueto, chief of the Region 1 Medical Center (R1MC) in Dagupan City, received a text message asking him to help a 4-year-old boy who had no anal opening and whose big intestine was outside his belly.

[illegible]

No staff

[illegible]

Committed doctors

[illegible]



DR. JESUS Cueto, chief of the Region 1 Medical Center in Dagupan City, examines a young patient from a poor farming village in Pangasinan.

400 youth leaders tackle sexuality issues in Subic

AT 18, Filipino men and women have already experienced their first sexual intercourse.

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Ilocos tobacco growers oppose 'sin' tax hike

Police chief sacked in wake of mayor's killing

Cebu legislator seeks lifestyle check on rival mayor

ROUNDUP

14 families homeless after fire

Suspected guerrilla slain

Mangyan folk register

New female hair policy



ECO CITY

Mindanao independence no longer possible, says cleric

[illegible]

Army captures 2 extortionists

[illegible]

Tawi-tawi raids lead to arrests

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WORLD WATCHING US POLLS

'The planet's destiny is decided in large part by America'

1st votes from small town gives Bush a small win

Suspense grips world as US votes

Safety a top concern

Recipe for mayhem

Absentee ballots

Terrorism threat

Divided America

Electoral College Votes



Oil plunges below $50 as traders bet on Kerry

Kerry bearish

Slowing growth

Attacks on Iraq oil pipelines

Bishop backs 'jueteng' legalization

Rid corruption

Not obliged to follow CBCP

Up to individual bishops

List of protectors

Sandigan freezes Garcia's P43M assets, also bike

Sufficient in form

US property

Miriam goes ballistic …

Another Pinoy kidnapped …

20 attackers

Food company

Charges filed …

Hush money?

Slaughter of sea cow …

Rescuer

UN blocks RP move to send own team to Afghanistan

Taliban threats

Unauthorized broadcast

Nayan 'idealistic,' 'talented,' says Romulo

By Christine O. Avendaño

Democracy is his passion

Critical juncture

Chronology

High-level team

Consensus reached

A 'test broadcast'

Mercy for 'dear brother'

Another brother

METRO

Lim seeks new probe of Martinez case

Makati sets auction for MRT assets

Grave tenders form group



MOBILE HOME

METROBRIEFS

Woman climbs billboard

Saleslady stabbed 63 times

Marikina turns to God for officers' moral recovery

NBI pieces together case of slain female student



BUSINESS

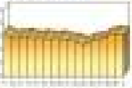
Gov't rejects all bids for 7-yr bonds

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET

Shares end lower on profit-taking



BIR bucks Senate version of tax amnesty

BSP to tighten rules on directed trust funds



Taiwanese firm earmarks $8M for plant expansion

Flying V raises pump prices

ATSC income down 24%

UST distances self from CAP

COCKTAILES

Victor C. Agustin

SMC, Singapore firm form coffee venture

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez



IFC to increase power investments

Disclosures

Cocktales

Heard through the grapevine

DTI urged to extend safeguard duty on tiles

By Ronnel W. Domingo

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THE FAST LANE

This week, 2bU! takes you on an adrenaline-inducing ride to the world of speed. Explore the lives of young race car drivers and extreme sports enthusiasts and learn from young super-achievers who happily share their secrets. Let a Formula One fan take you behind the scenes at the world's most exciting race. And if you feel that things are moving way too fast for you, we also have tips on how to slow down. Hold on tight, the ride will begin in three, two, one...





Matteo's quest

Matteo Fernan Guidicelli is the first driver to ever win double Karter of the Year honors in the Premier ICA Open Class and the Rotax Junior, all at age 14



Living a full life

Future plans

Riding in cars with boys

By Catherine Young

Tyson Kristian Romo Tiu Sy

Jason Paul "JP" Arceo Cariño



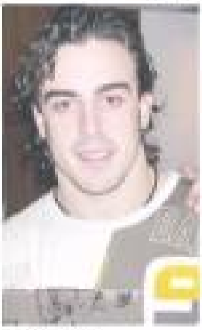
Among the most promising of this younger generation of race car drivers in the Philippines are Tyson Sy and JP Cariño

Formula One- live!

I have always liked cars, and watching the pinnacle of motor sports in Kuala Lumpur was an incomparable high



FERRARI driver Rubens Barrichello



FERNANDO Alonso

I was on a plane to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, all worked up and excited to witness my first-ever Formula One Grand Prix at the Sepang International Circuit.

Track geniuses

Fun but serious

Shock encounter



MICHAEL Schumacher



VELVET Rope's stable of models

Young Errol Isip is a swashbuckling events and model management entrepreneur



ERROL hosts a show with model Mark San Diego.

Who's behind the Velvet Rope?

By Walter Ang
Contributor

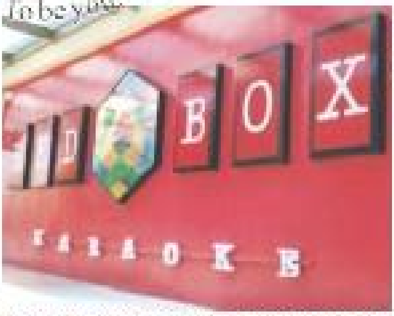
Tenacious



ERROL (left) celebrates with friends.



WALDEN Chu



THIS ESTABLISHMENT has changed the way people enjoy karaoke.

The man behi
Box Karaoke i
crackerjack e

Singing his way to success

By Dexter R. Matilla
Staff Correspondent

WHAT IS it with Walden Chu? Is it the way he talks passionately about his business ventures? Is it the way he dresses so casually that when you see him, you'd easily mistake him for a regular guy? Or is it simply the way he pronounces the word "karaoke"?

Whatever the reason, this guy obviously has great business savvy. He knows what his customers want, and his three success stories—Banana Leaf Curry House, Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, and Red Box Karaoke—are proof of that.

"The hospitality industry is something very appealing to all my dreams, whether it's in food service or entertainment," says Chu, a Business Administration graduate of the University of Michigan who, along with brother Wilson Jr. and longtime buddy Paolo del Rosario, opened the three establishments successively.

"Three of my passions are food, coffee and entertainment, and these are also very reflective of Filipino culture. My dream is to bring the very best of Asian food and beverage and entertainment concepts to the Philippines," he explains.

Tough beginnings

Chu certainly knows a lot about being different and doing things differently. After earning his degree, he decided to venture into his first franchising foray by opening the Hong Kong-based Banana Leaf Curry House here in the Philippines.

"My brothers and I have been frequenting Banana Leaf Curry House in Hong Kong while growing up," said Chu. "We thought it strange that although the Philippines is right in the middle of Asia, there were really no restaurants representative of Southeast Asian cuisine and culture."

So Chu took matters into his own hands. Relying on capital that he had earned while working as a financial analyst in New York, he utilized everything he had and pitched for the right to franchise Banana Leaf in the

SINGING/C2



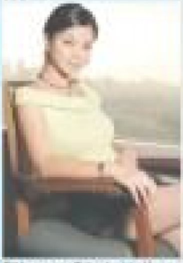
RED Box's reception area.





High-flying pair









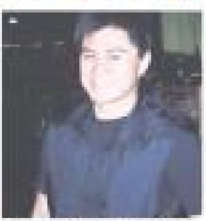
Singing his way to success

The four aces



Ace Saatchi and Saatchi's creative directors are the best breed—young, passionate and very smart

Robbie gets his gallery



Art space



Life in the FAST LANE

When did we become such suckers for speed? What has happened to waiting and patience?

How to hit the brakes

A little indulgence can make a world of a difference

1. Eat a bag of gummy bears.
2. Enjoy a spa treatment.
3. Give someone a long hug.
4. Write a letter to someone you've lost touch with.
5. Go on a date.
6. Watch cartoons.
7. Turn your mobile phone off for a day.
8. Take a long bath.
9. Hop on a bus and let it take you wherever.
10. Sleep in.





Robbie gets his gallery